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Serial No.: 09/537,835

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING DATABASE NODE ACCESS
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the document listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A. A copy of the reference as well as Form PTO/SB/08A is attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

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1. Weekly Status Report for week of 6/15 - 6/18/1998
2. Weekly Status Report for the weeks of 7/6 - 7/10/1998;

3. Weekly Status Report for week of 7/13 - 7/17/1998;
4. Copy of Affidavit of David M. Sprague filed in commonly-assigned, U.S. Patent Application Number 09/443,712;
5. PCS Access Network Requirements: Interface Specification, Interface: Service Access Socket System Interface (SASSI), Version 01.01, December 3, 1998; and
6. PCS Access Network Requirements: Product Specification, Network Element: Gateway Signal Transfer Point between CCS/SS7 and TCP-IP Networks (GW-STP-IP), December 3, 1998.

Document number 1 listed above is a weekly status prepared by Dan Brendes, an employee of the assignee of the present application, indicating that during the week of June 15-June 18, 1998, work on providing SS7 over IP in the Eagle[®] STP Platform was in progress. Documents number 2 and 3 listed above are additional status reports prepared by Dan Brendes for the weeks of July 6, 1998 and July 13, 1998, indicating that SS7 over IP mappings for the Eagle[®] STP were being worked on and were completed by June 17, 1998. Thus, based on the status reports listed above, Applicants were working on implementation details for providing SS7 over IP functionality in their STP at least as early as June 15, 1998.

Document number 4 is a copy of an Affidavit of David M. Sprague, an employee of the assignee of the present application, explaining documents 5 and 6.

Document number 5 listed above relates to the service access system interface (SASSI). This document was prepared by a customer of the Assignee based on earlier

ideas originated by the inventors of the present application. The attached Affidavit of David M. Sprague explains the origin of document number 5.

Document number 6 is a proposed requirements document for a gateway STP that provides an IP interface for SCCP messages in a mobile communications network. The document is dated December 3, 1998. As indicated in the attached status reports and in the attached Affidavit of David M. Sprague, the idea of providing SS7 over IP signaling functionality in an STP was originated by employees of the assignee who were working on implementing this idea prior to December 1998.

Applicants respectfully request that the attached documents be made of record.

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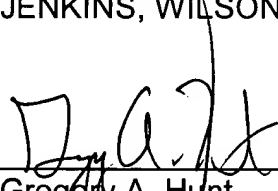
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Respectfully submitted,

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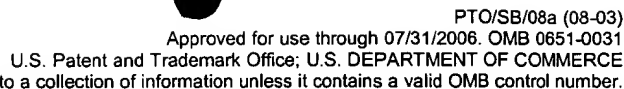
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